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KUCHING: The merger of Ministry of Education and Ministry of Higher Education is a positive move by the top leadership to boost the education system in the country, said Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) deputy vice-chancellor Prof. Mohd Fadzil Abdul Rahman.

Fadzil said with the two ministries placed under one roof, it can focus on the continuity of programmes as a prelude to higher education, akin to 'pre-matriculation' for students.

It is now called the 'Ministry of Education and Higher Learning', headed by Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

"(Now) Under one roof, the ministry can prepare and focus on the continuity for the programmes. It is high time for this implementation and this will help the students to prepare themselves to enter public or private higher learning institutions," he said.

He was at a press conference prior to a dinner at the '2nd Annual University Administration Leaders Round Table: Towards High Income Nations' programme on Wednesday night.

The dinner was graced by State Secretary Tan Sri Datuk Amar Morshidi Abdul Ghani while also present were Unimas director chairman Datu Dr Hatta Solhi, vice-chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK) Prof. Datuk Dr Raduan Che Ros and deputy director of Higher Education Leadership Academy (AKEPT) Prof. Dr Mohd Fadzil Mohd Idris.

He added that the merger was also expected as there had been talk and discussion among intellectuals on its implementation, and which has now eventually materialised.

On the new federal cabinet line up, Fadzil opined it was a balanced line-up as it comprised those with experience, technocrats as well as representatives of the younger generation.

The 2nd Annual Administration Leaders programme was a two-day event jointly organised by AKEPT, Unimas and UMK.

The programme was held to help administrators of private and public higher learning institutions towards excellence.

More than 120 participants from various institutions attended the event held at a prominent hotel which also included registrars, treasurers and legal advisors.